A is Americans, "travelling as such",
B is the Bäkshish demanded so much,
C is for Cairo, for Camels, Cook,
D, Dahabeëhs, the travellers took,
E is for Egypt, the Land of Delights,
F Suggests Fleas and their venomous bites,
G is for George, the donkey-boys' "friend",
H the Harems, whom may Allah defend,
I is the "Ibis", graceful and fair,
J is this Jolliest freedom from care,
K is the Kitchens, whence come the good things,
L is the Lateen sails, spreading like wings,
M is Mohammad, invoked by the Crew
In tracking and towing and all that they do,
N is a Nile-boat, palace of ease,
O is the Oddness of all that one sees,
P is the Palms and Pyramidal Peaks
Q is the Q-cumbers, garlics and leeks,
R stands for Raïs, Ramadan, Rats,
S for the Sailors, with turbans for hats,
T for Tobacco, Tar-bootle, Tambourine,
U for the bachelor-boat, the "Undine",
V for the Villagers — poor Fellaheen,
W stands for the Walks along shore,
X for the Xcellent times yet in store,
Y is the Yankee flag over us all,
"Z is for Zero, or Nothing at all".